IDAPA 58 - DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY

58.01.01 - RULES FOR THE CONTROL OF AIR POLLUTION IN IDAHO DOCKET NO. 58-0101-0904

NOTICE OF INTENT TO PROMULGATE RULES - NEGOTIATED RULEMAKING

AUTHORITY: In compliance with Section 67-5220, Idaho Code, and IDAPA 58.01.23, Rules of Administrative Procedure Before the Board of Environmental Quality, Sections 810 through 815, notice is hereby given that this agency intends to promulgate a rule and desires public participation before publishing a proposed rule. This rulemaking action is authorized by Sections 39-105 and 39-107, Idaho Code.

METHOD OF PARTICIPATION: Those interested in participating in the negotiated rulemaking process are encouraged to attend the following meeting. For those who cannot participate by attending the meeting, information for submitting written comments is provided at the end of this notice.

MEETING SCHEDULE: The negotiated rulemaking meeting will be held as follows. Additional meetings may be scheduled if necessary. For information regarding participation by telephone or scheduling of additional meetings, contact the undersigned. Requests to participate by telephone must be made by October 26, 2009.

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2009 -- 9 a.m. to 12 noon

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY Conference Room B 1410 N. Hilton, Boise, Idaho

PRELIMINARY DRAFT: By October 7, 2009, a preliminary draft of the rule can be obtained at http://www.deq.idaho.gov/rules/air/58_0101_0904_negotiated.cfm or by contacting Paula Wilson at paula.wilson@deq.idaho.gov, (208)373-0418.

DESCRIPTIVE SUMMARY: The Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) has initiated this rulemaking in response to a Petition for Initiation of Rulemaking filed by Idaho Conservation League (ICL) and P4 Production, LLC (P4). In the petition, ICL and P4 requested that the Board of Environmental Quality direct DEQ to initiate negotiated rulemaking to solicit public comment and involvement in developing air quality rules designed to limit and control mercury emissions from certain facilities. The petition was granted by the Board on July 29, 2009.

The text of the rule will be drafted by DEQ in conjunction with a negotiating committee made up of persons having an interest in the development of this rule. Members of the regulated community who may be subject to Idaho's air quality rules as well as special interest groups, public officials, or members of the public who have an interest in the regulation of air emissions from sources in Idaho may be interested in participating in this rulemaking.

ASSISTANCE ON TECHNICAL QUESTIONS AND SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS: For assistance on questions concerning this rulemaking, contact Martin Bauer at (208) 373-0440, martin.bauer@deq.idaho.gov.

For those who cannot participate by attending the scheduled meeting, written comments may be submitted by mail, fax or e-mail at the address below. Written comments on the preliminary draft rule must be received by October 30, 2009. For information regarding submission of written comments on subsequent drafts of the negotiated rule, to receive copies of submitted written comments, and to receive the most recent version of the draft negotiated rule, contact the undersigned.

Dated this 26th day of August, 2009.

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